ELDER BEAGLEY WRITES FROM LONDON

Through President Hilton, Elder King E. Beagley extends greetings to his friends here in the following letter:

Dear President Hilton:

As the year 1938 draws to a close, I should be most remiss not to give some report of this year's activity, that you may know what has been accomplished here in the London district. The expectation was not reached in our number of converts, as we planned it last year, but I feel we have spread the Gospel and brought its leavening influence into the lives of almost forty people whom we have baptized this year, and have some half dozen more whom we feel will enter the Church soon. Our elders have spoken in other churches—in one they take the Sunday school regularly where more than 50 boys and girls meet, also before clubs, mainly of young people. We have held series of lectures on different phases of the Gospel, and feel that many have heard the truth. Our elders have conducted open air meetings five nights each week-weather permitting-and usually to fine groups, our crowds in warm weather reaching a total of four hundred and more, most of whom ask intelligent questions. Our usual speaking place-Hyde Park—has many speakers of different denominations and many are attracted to our platform by the sincerity, honesty and humility of our speakers. Many have told me of their obser-vations of our elders.

I have been in England 21 months, the past 16 in London, all of which I have enjoyed thoroughly and know of no time in my life when there has been the happiness that has come to me through this Gospel. I have met several families of relatives here in London, and hope that some of them will recognize the truth of it before I return home. It will be necessary for me to remain several months to do the genealogical work I would like to, then, too, is the annual conference in June, held this year in Sheffield and I should like to stay for that.

Out of the experience of the months here, there has come an assurance of this Gospel's truths, that I can hug it closer to my bosom than ever, and see the wisdom and purpose of life, and why this Gospel was given to man. There has come an abiding faith that I feel nothing can shake, for which I thank God. I know of no time I would rather be in this mision than now, and feel that from the spiritual guidance of our leaders here, I will be more firmly entrenched in the truth than ever before, and no matter how severe the storm the foundation will hold.

Am very happy to note the growth of the

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, January 13—Seventies' Party,
Oakland Chapel.
SUNDAY evening, January 15—Cavalcade for Youth visits each ward.
FRIDAY, January 20—Stake M. MenGleaners' Party.
FRIDAY, February 3—Formal Dinnerdance, Athens Athletic Club.

BISHOP CARR OF CLAREMONT WARD RELEASED









First Counselor

Retiring Bishop

New Bishop

Second Counselor

By reason of ill health, Bishop Charles C. Carr was released as the head of Claremont ward, the Stake's newest, on Sunday evening, December 18th. Sustained to succeed him was Reed H. Chase, his first counselor.

Bishop Carr has not been in good health for some time, and when he was chosen to oversee the important business of organizing the new ward, it was with the understanding that he would be relieved if the strain should become too great. Bishop Carr threw himself into the work with such vigor and enthusiasm that he soon had the new ward going in splendid shape, with a spirit among its members that will carry them far. The strain of this was too much, however, with his other work, with the result that he was confined to his bed in mid-December. The Messenger is happy to report, however, that he is on the road to recovery, and is up and around once more.

Bishop Carr has had the unique privilege of being the first bishop of two wards in this Stake—Oakland and Claremont—besides serving for a number of years as a high councilman and as president of the Stake mission.

Bishop Reed H. Chase, who succeeds him, is the youngest bishop in the Stake. He has been living in California since 1922, coming from Provo, Utah, originally. He has been consistently active in Church service, having been Stake president of the M. I. A., member of the elders' quorum presidency, member of

the Mormon Male Chorus, a Stake missionary, first counselor to Bishop Norberg of Oakland and later to Bishop Carr of Claremont, and for a time business manager of The Messenger.

First counselor to Bishop Chase will be A. Selden Millward, who steps into that position from the second counselorship. Elder Millward has been a resident of Berkeley since 1921, coming here from Grantsville, Utah. He was the first foreign missionary from Oakland branch, serving two years in the eastern states, where he was president of the Rochester district. Since his return he has been Stake Sunday school superintendent, and ward superintendent of M. I. A. In 1934 he was married to Roberta Hammond in the Salt Lake Temple.

On December 25th, Bishop Chase's second counselor was chosen, together with a new ward clerk. Richard W. Owens, the new second counselor, was born in Ogden, Utah, November 18, 1913, a son of W. W. Owens and Clotilda Woodyatt. He is a graduate of the Utah Stake Agricultural College and at present is doing graduate work at the University of California. Before coming to Berkeley he was very active in Church work, filling a three-year mission to Switzerland and Germany and presiding over the Bremen and Hanover districts. In 1936 he was married to Margaret Watkins in the Logan Temple. Since the organization of Claremont ward he has served as its clerk, in which position he is succeeded by Elder Thomas Birchall.

Oakland Stake, with its new ward and other improvements, and pray that the Lord will continue to bless and guide you, that others may be attracted to the truth, that they, too, may make it a part of their lives, and receive the peace and happiness that comes from obeying its teachings.

With the approach of Christmas may I send greetings to you and the Stake members, that you may have the spirit of the Prince of Peace, and that the coming new year be one of happiness, of growth, both spiritually and in numbers added to the truth.

Sincerely your brother, KING E. BEAGLEY.

CAVALCADE FOR YOUTH In All Wards Sunday Evening, January 15, 1939

The sacrament service in all wards Sunday evening, January 15, will be devoted to carrying to each ward the message of the Cavalcade for Youth.

Under the direction of the High Council and Stake Aaronic Priesthood Committee, special programs have been arranged. Every young man holding the priesthood is desired to be in attendance, since the programs will be of great interest to them.

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NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

New Year's greetings from your Stake Genealogical Society.

We wish for you a full measure of the abundant life during 1939; a satisfactory development, temporally and spiritually; an increase in faith and devotion; and a rich harvest of realized ideals and ambitions.

We wish for you a strengthened testimony, founded upon sound principles of revealed re-

We wish for you a triumphant victory in the conflict with evil.

We wish for you an enlarged and perfected Temple Record, wherein are recorded sacred ordinances performed for our beloved departed; truly a glorious gift to a worthy ancestry who legally anticipate these saving ordinances in the r abode beyond the vail.

We wish for you the exquisite joy and satisfaction which follow in the wake of a day spent in the Temple of the Most High God. Truly the abundant life.

We stand at our posts ready to render you the services which will help to materialize our own wishes for you.

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ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY

The third Sunday in January has been set aside for Cavalcade for Youth meetings in all wards of the Stake, and the persons listed below will be expected to prepare to participate in the program built around that theme. Please contact the bishop of your assigned ward in advance to learn if any special topic

has been assigned to you.

Alameda: Don J. Allphin, Hugh P. Anderson.

Berkeley: Grant Ellis, Warren Carr.

Claremont Claude M. Dewsnup, Delbert F. Wright,

Claremont Claude M. Dewsnup, Delbert F. Wright, Walter Aylett.

Dimond: O. Leslie Stone, Archie Hill.

Elmhurst: Don C. Wood, Wayne E. Mayhew.

Hayward: Eugene Hilton, Walter C. Hall.

Martinez: Clyde J. Summerhays, Adelbert Clawson.

Oakland: Nathan G. Tolman, William J. Nielsen.

Pittsburg: Ralph S. Barney, LaVorn Thomas.

(Pittsburg meets at 10:00 a. m.)

Richmond: Victor Lindblad, David W. Cummings,

Timothy Morley.

Timothy Morley.

Vallejo: R. Kendall Thomas, Raymond L. Knight.

STAKE PRESIDENCY'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We desire in this first message of the new year to sincerely thank our many friends who were kind enough to send cards and other greetings during the holiday season just passed. We appreciate these and all other evidences of loyalty and friendship to us as your servants in this great and conquering cause. May the Lord continue to bless our joint efforts in His great work during the

Although much has already been accomplished here in the Oakland Stake, much yet remains to be done to bring our Stake fully up to the standard which rightly should be expected of it. We list below a few items in which we believe improvement can be made.

In addition to properly carrying for-ward our regular duties, we specifically call to your attention the need for improvement in the following areas:

1. A definite increase in the number of full time missionaries.

2. Assumption of greater responsibility and increased activity on the part of priesthood quorums.

3. Extend and make more effective our part in the Church welfare program.

4. Increased effectiveness in reaching out for and holding our youth. 5. Improving the quality of our class-

room teaching. 6. More regular and faithful attend-

ance at sacrament meetings. 7. Increased knowledge of the contents of the four volumes of scrip-

8. Increased spiritual growth and testimony of this great latter-day work in which centers the hope of humanity for ultimate peace, security and enduring joy.

We most earnestly urge a continuation of your faithful activity and in addition a diligent striving to improve in the specific fields indicated. Let each of us increase the quality and amount of our service to humanity and thus partake more fully of the abundant life which the atonement of Jesus Christ and the restoration of His Gospel has made possible of us.

Faithfully yours, EUGENE HILTON, W. GLENN HARMON, CLYDE J. SUMMERHAYS.

CAVALCADE FOR YOUTH LAUNCHED

leaders of the Stake. The Aaronic priesthood ticipate in and assist in these meetings.

DEPENDABILITY

By ARCHIE INGER (Editor's note: The following short talk was delivered to the Hayward ward Sunday school recently; it was deemed worthy of repetition at the Sunday school union meeting, where THE MESSENGER heard of it. It is worthy of being read and re-read, then filed away for reference and repeated re-reading.)
Dependable helpers are absolutely necessary

to the success of any movement which includes the masses; and yet, strange as it may seem. persons imbued with this virtue are among the rarest of ind viduals, and when found they stand out as jewels upon the crown of human affairs. Not only in Church work, but in business institutions as well, a dependable person quickly wins his or her place as the idol and bulwark of those burdened with problems in

A dependable person is one who has actually grown to maturity mentally. It is only children who cannot realize the importance of a responsibility. That a man or woman has grown up physically, with years behind them, is not aways a sign that emotional or mental maturity has been reached. The world is full of such children; and because they are negative and self-indulgent they must be treated as such by those in charge of important matters. They must be carefully and kindly excluded from important issues.

The success of our Sunday school, or of our Church, for that matter, must rest upon the finding of dependable teachers, without which good executives are helpless. And may I say in passing that irresponsible persons are, as a rule, the first to find fault.

Those known for their dependability are the givers among men--not the takers-and all the blessings we now enjoy, or ever shall enjoy have been and will be bestowed upon us through the struggles of such as they. Responible people become the vessels of God's kindness and the guardians of salvation here upon the earth. So, if it is humanly possible, let us not fail in our promises, that those who are chosen to preside over us may feel we are dependable

extension plan was explained to the gathering. Briefly, the plan calls for the coordination of the activities of the priesthood quorums and the Sunday school and M. I. A. A card index of every member of the Aaronic presthood is to be kept on a ward basis, with vital information on activity, inactivity and pertinent factors. Monthly meetings of ward extension plan committees are to be held to outline activities, follow-up on non-participating members, and consider vital problems. This committee is composed of the ward bishopric, Aaronic priesthood supervisors, teachers of the A, B and C departments in Sunday school and of the Scouts, Explorers and M Men in the M. I. A. A similar Stake committee will meet monthly on the fourth Sunday of each month, commencing January 22nd, at 1:30 p. m.

Youth meetings will be held in each ward on Sunday evening, January 15th, at which all er 18th, at the Oakland chapel the boys are urged to be present and a pro the Cavalcade for Youth was launched by the gram of special interest is being prepared. High Stake presidency and Aaronic priesthood committee-mittee, at a meeting largely attended by youth councilmen and Aaronic priesthood committee-men have been assigned to each ward to par-

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January, 1939 As we face a new year in troubled worlds, Latter-day Saints face another year of oppor-tunity for service in the Church, for devotion to the principles of the Gospel and for demon-strations of appreciation for the blessings we

WARD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

have received.

We have been greatly favored in the year that has just ended. The horrors of war have been averted. Economic conditions could have been very much worse. As a rule, our mem-

bers have enjoyed more than an average degree of health and prosperity.

The Church has made substantial progress.

New Stakes and Wards have been created; our membership has shown consistent growth; activity has increased in most Wards and Stakes; the Welfare Program has been advanced to an encouraging extent, and in general the Church has prospered and made splen-

We should all be grateful to our Father in Heaven for His many blessings and manifesta-tions of kindness and mercy.

Now, another year opens before us. What experiences and developments it will bring we do not know. One thing, however, is certain: the New Year brings us opportunities for service and devotion to the Lord's work, for cooperation with our brethren and sisters of the Church and friends and neighbors of other churches, for overcoming our weaknesses and shortcomings, and showing our appreciation for the blessings we have received in the past by making every possible effort to live as true Later-day Saints.

The New Year offers a new opportunity to make our lives square with the teachings of the Church, to improve wherein we have been remiss, to comply with the commandments of the Lord through regular attendance at Sacrament meetings, payment of tithing, respect for the Sabbath, observance of the Word of Wisdom, discharging our responsibilities in the Priest-hood and in other organizations, observing family and individual prayer, living in har-mony with our neighbors, dealing fairly in business affairs and in every way possible liv-ing as true Latter-day Saints

ing as true Latter-day Saints.

It is suggested that Teachers encourage all members to examine their own activities of the past year and where improvement is desirable begin with the New Year, making every effort to order their lives in conformity with the principles of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church.—December Era, p. 745.

PACIFIC COAST ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION HOLDS SESSIONS

The seventeenth annual conference of the Pacific Coast Economic Association was held at the University of California on December 28-29. Several church members from the intermountain region were in attendance, among them being Dr. Dilworth Walker of the University of Utah, Dr. M. W. Lee and Dean W. L. Wanlass of the Utah Stake Agricultural College, and Dr. Thomas A. Beal of the University of Utah. Drs. Walker and Lee led discussion groups. Drs. Beal and Wanlass are both past presidents of the Association.

STATISTICS FOR FIRST THREE **QUARTERS RELEASED**

Bulletins from the presiding bishop's office have been released for the period of the first nine months of 1938, showing the relative positions of Stakes in various fields of activity. That 1938 has been a "depression" year is

shown from the fact that sixty-five Stakes show a decrease in payment of tithing, while fifty-two show an increase. At the same time, sixty-four Stakes shown increases in the number paying tithing, while fifty-seven show a decrease. This indicates a wider interest in this fundament doctrine. It is noteworthy, too, that in spite of the depression and in spite of the greater number of Stakes showing decreases, the total amount paid was nevertheless slightly greater (by 0.1%) than for the same period in 1937, and the number paying was greater (by 1.0%) than for the same period in 1937.

The relative position of Oakland Stake with the others is of interest. We showed an increase in amount of tithing paid of 3.7%, as

well as an increase in number paying, 16%. We are seventh as to increase in number paying, thirtieth as to increase in amount. fast offering we show a decrease of 5.8% over last year, but this is explained in the fact that the same period last year saw a special fast Sunday, whereas this year our special fast Sunday will appear in the last quarter. The Stake is well above the Church average on the per capita of fast offering, with \$0.479, but way behind San Francisco Stake which shows a

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per capita payment of \$0.998 for the same

RICHMOND WARD Services Held in Chapel, Corner 28th Street and

Nevin Avenue, Richmond The Relief Society appreciates all the help

given them with their bazaar. The proceeds will help greatly with our building fund. Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Haddock and family spent the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives in Modesto, California.

Mrs. Herbert F. Layton and son, Herbert, celebrated the Christmas season with Mrs. Layton's mother and family, in Salt Lake City.

Our ward Christmas party, sponsored by the primary and the Sunday school, was very successful. The musical play, "Christmas Eve," was given by the children, after which Santa Claus presented everyone with Christmas candy. Childrens' dancing and modern dancing, was also held under the direction of Mr. Peter Gengler and Mrs. Leah Tidwell.

ELMHURST WARD Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby

Street, Oakland We are glad to have Merlin Stoker back

with us again. He has been laboring in the Northern States Mission for the past two years. He spent 15 months of his mission in Canada. Mrs. R. E. Stock spent the Christmas holidays with her mother in St. Charles, Idaho.

The primary gave a very lovely Christmas party in the recreation hall, Friday evening, December 23rd.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. James Fishburn to our ward.

San Francisco

A welcome home party for Merlin Stoker was held in the recreation hall Tuesday evening, December 13th. Everyone had a lovely Mr. Charles Dean, who was recently trans-

ferred to Fresno, spent a two-week vacation in Oakland The Sunday evening study group, which is now studying the Book of Mormon, gave a very fine program Sunday evening, Decem-

MARTINEZ WARD

Services Held at 1022 Thompson Street, Martinez Pittsburg branch presented the program at sacrament meeting, December 11th.

Wm. J. Neilsen and Robert T. Paine were speakers at the evening session of our ward conference, held December 18th. Bishop John Shields of Oakland ward, was speaker at the morning session.

The M. I. A. held a "progressive party," November 29th. Everyone who attended had a fine time.

The senior class of the M. I. A. held a party on December 8th at the home of Glenn Robison. A delicious luncheon was served.

The annual Relief Society bazaar and food sale was held December 10th. It was a financial

The regular meeting day of the Relief Society has been changed from Tuesday to Thursday, at 2:00 p. m.

Mrs. John Abbott entertained the ladies of the Relief Society at a party at her home, De-

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WEDDING INVITATIONS cember 16th. The evening was spent in sewing on dish towels for the Relief Society. The ladies dressed as "little girls"—prizes going to Elsie Nix for the cutest girl and Melba Larson as funniest. Lunch was served in paper bags.

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The annual Sunday school-primary Christmas party was held December 22nd. The program, "The Message of the Bells," was presented by the primary children. The hall was beautifully decorated with lighted Christmas tree, etc. Santa Claus paid a visit and distributed bags of candy and oranges.

Building plans for our new chapel have been submitted to the Stake presidency and presiding bishopric for approval.

VALLEJO WARD

Services Held at Women's Club Building, Sacramento and York Streets

The ward Relief Society gave a delightful Christmas party during the work and business period, Tuesday, December 13th.

A delightful program was enjoyed and "josh" gifts distributed, after which refreshments were served. There were twenty-seven present.

The ward is very happy to receive as new workers, Mrs. Alice Barry and her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Brandon E. Kent, from the Northwestern States Mission. Mrs. Barry's husband, James A. Barry, was baptised at the last baptismal services, as was Mrs. Marjory Bernard's.

Under the direction of Bishop Cheshire and Supervisor Wm. H. Altman, a deacon's quorum was organized with Harry Altman as president and Ralph Shail as first counselor.

Vallejo Sunday school conference, which was held December 18, was enjoyed by everyone attending. Guests coming from Oakland were Francis Gealta, Allan Tidwell and Timothy Morley from the S. S. Stake board. In the evening we were favored with the presence of High Councilman Wayne E. Mayhew and his wife, and Mrs. Tidwell.

Delores Tilford, who has been an ardent worker in Sunday school and mutual, left last week for her home in Salt Lake.

Coming from San Francisco ward are Mrs. La Deane Dorrough and son, Wallace. The ward is happy to welcome these new members.

December 20th, the mutual, primary and Sunday school joined in a big Christmas party for everyone in the ward. After a delightful program, Santa appeared and distributed gifts to the children.

BERKELEY WARD

All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley

On Sunday evening, December 4, the Primary Association held its regular annual conference. The children presented a very interesting program of songs and recitations pertaining to Primary work. Mrs. Dorothey Stone, Stake President, spoke also during the program. Mrs. Minnie Smith is to be commended for her fine work in leading the Berkeley ward Primary.

The Deseret Club held a holiday party on December 23 at the home of Marjorie Cummings in Berkeley. Arrangements were under the direction of Tom Furgeson and Marjorie Cummings, assisted by Marjorie Hall, Harold Gaisford and Royal Minson.

On the same evening Lambda Delta Sigma held its holiday party at the home of Lynn and Laurel Knight. The club held the regu-

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VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

To Mr. and Mrs. Leo Partington, Elmhurst, a daughter.

BLESSINGS:

Jerry Louise Henderson, Elmhurst. Donald Melvin Faulk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Faulk, Martinez.

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

Marjory Bernards, Vallejo.
James A. Barney, Vallejo.
Raymond Pedersen, Jr., Vallejo.
Donald D. Haney, Vallejo.
Emily Joann Knowles, Martinez.

ORDINATIONS:

Melvin Gaule Rosskeily, Deacon, Martinez. Charles Stamps, Elder, Elmhurst. Andres Anderson, High Priest, Elmhurst. Charles Staley, High Priest, Elmhurst. Robert Hunter, High 1 riest, Elmhurst. Wilson Perkins, High Priest, Elmhurst. Charles Rogers, High Priest, Elmhurst.

lar semi-anual election on December 18. New officers are Russell Ball, president; Billy Parsons, vice-president; Betty June Cummings, secretary-treasurer; Preston Erickson, program chairman; Bob Johnson, discussion chairman, and Marian Johnson, sergeant at arms.

Christmas morning a Christmas cantata was presented, directed by Orthella Hughes. It was a Christmas story of the birth of Christ. Those taking part included Barbara Hall, Ronald Stone, Anna Lea Lloyd, Ray Knight, Newell Call, Marjorie Cummings, H. A. Golden, Roy Minson, Lynn Knight and Clark Hughes. The cast was supported by a double mixed quartette and special musical numbers.

On Friday evening before Christmas the annual Christmas Party for the children was held. The program consisted of "The Message of Bells," presented by the Primary children, after which Santa Claus made his appearance.

A Christmas program of unusual interest was that in connection with the Sacrament meeting at the Berkeley ward Sunday evening, December 25. A short sermon was given by Elder David W. Cummings on the theme of the day, and the musical program consisted of three anthems by the choir, including solos by Orthella Hughes, Hazel Driggs, Charlotte Cummings, Glenn's Thomas, Roy Minson, Lillian Lloyd and LaVarne Thomas. Also on the program were organ solos by Karleton Driggs, and special arrangements of Christmas carols by the King sisters, accompanied by Alvino Rey, celebrated guitarist.

The Beehive Girls held a mothers' and daughters' Christmas luncheon in the ward chapel December 17. The girls decorated the tables and prepared and served the luncheon under the direction of the Beekeepers, Mrs. Elgin Erickson, Mrs. Axel Severine and Mrs. Nyrl Coltron. The mothers were presented with violet corsages.

On Tuesday evening, December 7, a delightful program was presented to about sixty Latter-day Saint music lovers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hughes in Berkeley. George Gibson Davis, well-known voice teacher, music critic, and radio personality, and Gensag Megerian, accomplished pianist, presented the program. Mrs. Megerian played selections from Bach, Debussy, Beethoven and Liszt. Mr. Davis thrilled many with his reading of dramatic essays from "The Prophet." Refreshments were then served by Mrs. Hughes, assisted by Olga Rawson, Norma Lowry and Mary Neilson.

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